

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel claims 10 and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed thereby.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently amended) A system for attaching a personal care article to an a fabric

undergarment, the system comprising:

providing a personal care article having:

a top surface defining a topsheet side,

a bottom surface defining a backsheet side,

garment attachment adhesive applied to the bottom surface,

a peel strip covering the garment attachment adhesive, ~~and pair of wings including~~

a first wing extending from a first longitudinal edge of sanitary napkin and a second wing extending from a second longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin, each wing having a fixed end and a free end;

selectively releasable, interengaging fasteners including: (i) a first fastener component forming at least a portion of the first wing and at least a portion of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing, the first fastener component including an engagement section having a plurality of engagement members; and (ii) a cooperating fastener component forming at least a portion of the first wing and at least a portion of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing

such that the wings are adapted to be temporarily mechanically engaged on the topsheet side of the article and then reconfigured to hold the article to an undergarment;

the system further comprising the following steps:

overlapping and temporarily interengaging the wings on the top surface of the article while the peel strip protecting the garment adhesive is removed;

positioning the article in an undergarment and securing the article to the undergarment utilizing the garment adhesive; and

disengaging the wings and re-engaging the wings around the undergarment to further secure the article to the undergarment.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the system further includes a the first fastener component including a plurality of engagement members configured on the first wing and the second wing so an unengaged first fastener component is positioned adjacent the backsheet side such that it is adapted to engage the fabric of an undergarment positioned between the backsheet side and the wings.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the interengaging fasteners comprise:  
 a first fastener component including an engagement section having a plurality of engagement members; and  
 a cooperating fastener component.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the first fastener component is a mechanical hook material.

5. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the cooperating fastener component is a nonwoven loop material.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the nonwoven loop material is a pattern unbonded material.

7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the system ~~can be used~~ is adapted to secure the article in a configuration convenient for disposal.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ A sanitary napkin having a pair of end edges, a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge located between the end edges, a backsheet ~~layer side~~, a ~~substantially liquid permeable topsheet layer side~~, ~~an absorbent disposed between the topsheet layer and the backsheet layer~~, garment attachment adhesive applied to the backsheet ~~layer side~~, and a peel strip covering the garment attachment adhesive, the sanitary napkin further including a fastening system comprising:

a first wing extending from a the first longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin and a second wing extending from a the second longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin, each wing having a fixed end and a free end;

a first fastener component forming at least a portion of the first wing and at least a portion of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing, the first fastener component including an engagement section having a plurality of engagement members; and

a cooperating fastener component forming at least a portion of the first wing and at least a portion of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing,

so that the first and second wings of the sanitary napkin are (a) adapted to be temporarily mechanically interengaged on the topsheet side of the sanitary napkin during positioning of the sanitary napkin is in an undergarment while a peel strip protecting the garment attachment adhesive is removed and the sanitary napkin is attached to an undergarment utilizing the garment attachment adhesive; and (b) then adapted to be disengaged ~~from~~ on the topsheet side and interengaged around ~~an~~ the undergarment to secure the sanitary napkin.

9. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 8, wherein the ~~napkin further includes a fastener component including a plurality of engagement members is~~ configured so that it is adapted to engage the fabric of an undergarment positioned between the backsheet and the wings.

10. (Deleted)

11. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim ~~40- 8~~, wherein the first fastener component is a mechanical hook material.

12. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim ~~40- 8~~, wherein the cooperating fastener component is a nonwoven loop material.

13. (Previously amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 12, wherein the nonwoven loop material is a pattern unbonded material.

14. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 8, wherein the fastening system can be used to secure the article in a configuration convenient for disposal.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of securing to ~~an~~ a fabric undergarment a personal care article having a top surface, a bottom surface, a garment attachment adhesive applied to the bottom surface, a peel strip covering the garment attachment adhesive and a pair of wings including selectively releasable, interengaging fasteners, the method comprising:

overlapping a first wing extending from a first longitudinal edge of sanitary napkin and a second wing extending from a second longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin, and temporarily interengaging the wings on the top surface of the article while the peel strip protecting the garment attachment adhesive is removed; each wing having a fixed end and a free end; a first fastener component forming at least a portion of the first wing and at least a portion of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing, the first fastener component including an engagement section having a plurality engagement members; and a cooperating fastener component forming at least a portion of the first wing and at least a portion of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing

positioning the article in an undergarment and securing the article to the undergarment utilizing the garment attachment adhesive; and

disengaging the wings on the top surface and re-engaging the wings around the undergarment to further secure the article to the undergarment.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of engaging a ~~plurality of engagement members~~ an unengaged first fastener component positioned on a wing adjacent the backsheet with the fabric of an undergarment with the fabric positioned between the backsheet and the wing.

et 17. (Deleted)

18. (Previously amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of interengaging a first fastener component in the form of a mechanical hook material with a cooperating fastener component in the form of a loop material.

19. (Previously amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of utilizing selectively releasable interengaging fasteners to secure the article in a configuration convenient for disposal.

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